

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington

November 9, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.
(Wednesday)

Call to Order

Chairman Weise called the meeting to order.

Present:

Chairman Jay R. Weise
Vice-Chairman Terrance J. Thompson
Commissioner Dan C. Blankenship

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Weise led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval/Addition of Agenda

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve the agenda as presented*. **Motion carried.**

Board of Commissioner Meeting – Recess @ 9:03 a.m.

Board of Health Meeting – Called to Order at 9:03 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Weise, Thompson, and Blankenship; April May, Vicki Guse; and, Dr. Brzezny. Timm Taff and Karen Potts attended virtually.

Health Officer Update

Dr. Brzezny, Adams County Health Officer, provided updates on the following:

- COVID-19 statistics;
- Variants of COVID;
- Healthcare masking requirement is still in place per Health Secretary;
- Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) related statistics; and,
- Influenza statistics.

Board Updates

Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse provided a written report of Public Health updates for October, 2022.

Board Discussion/Decision Items

IHCS Director Guse reported on staffing issues. Additionally, Consolidated Contract CLH31001, Amendment #9, was reviewed.

Other Business – None

Executive Session – None

Board of Health Meeting – Adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Board of Commissioner Meeting – Reconvened @ 10:01 a.m.

Integrated Health Care Services

2022-2024 Consolidated Contract CLH31001, Amendment #9

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Consolidated Contract CLH31001, Amendment #9, between the State of Washington Department of Health and Adams County Integrated Health Care Services for a decrease in funding of \$94,946. for a total contract award of \$2,623,196. for the contract period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.* **Motion carried.**

Behavioral Health

IHCS Director Guse reviewed Behavioral Health updates for September, 2022. Additionally, Guse reviewed unfilled positions in the Behavioral Health program.

Recess @ 10:14 a.m.

Reconvene @ 10:24 a.m.

Adams County Budget 2023

Public Hearings on the preliminary 2023 Adams County Budget were set for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 and Tuesday, December 13, 2022 in Room 202 of the Adams County Courthouse, 210 W. Broadway, Ritzville, Washington.

2023 Adams County Budget

The Board spent a portion of the morning session reviewing the proposed 2023 Budget.

Recess @ 11:58 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

Public Works

Public Works Director O'Brien and Engineer Yaeger reported on road maintenance activities; facilities; fairgrounds; and, various engineering projects.

Sheriff's Evidence Building

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Local Agency Professional Services Negotiated Hourly Rate Consultant Agreement between Budinger & Associates, Inc., Spokane, Washington, and Adams County for a maximum amount payable of 60,241.07 for professional services regarding the Adams County Sheriff's Evidence Building.* **Motion carried.**

McKinney Road #1 Project

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *approve Pay Estimate #2, in the amount of \$511,832.15, to Selland Construction Inc., Wenatchee, Washington for work completed October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022 on the McKinney Road #1 Project – CRP-192.* **Motion carried.**

Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement

Commissioner Thompson moved, Blankenship seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign the Letter of Intent to Comply with WSDOT Title VI Plan; and, to sign United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Title VI/Non-Discrimination Assurances, DOT Order No. 1050.2A.* **Motion carried.**

Closed Session

At 2:00 p.m. Chairman Weise announced the Board would recess into Closed Session for five (5) minutes under RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) – “that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.” Additionally present were Prosecutor Flyckt and Public Works Director O'Brien.

At 2:05 p.m. the Board reconvened from Closed Session.

Budget Workshop

The Board, along with Auditor Hunt, reviewed the proposed 2023 Adams County Budget.

Commissioner Blankenship moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to consult with Auditor Hunt, and, to have considerable discretion in finalizing preliminary budget figures to advertise the Notice of Public Hearing to consider the proposed 2023 Budget.* **Motion carried.**

Adjournment @ 2:40 p.m.

Submitted:
s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Jay R. Weise, Chairman
s/Terrance J. Thompson, Vice-Chairman
s/Dan C. Blankenship, Commissioner